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1. Many of the male inhabitants along the Kwangsi-Kweichow border have fled to the hills to avoid conscription into the Chinese Communist army as replacements for troops in Korea. The Chinese Communist authorities have been forced to change their tactics and replace regular units with troops from the Yunnan-Kwangsi-Kweichow Border Column commanded by CHUANG T'ien (莊田).
2. The 11 and 14 Regiments of the Yunnan-Kwangsi-Kweichow Border Column have been transferred to a regular army unit under TENG Hua. The 6 and 13 Regiments of the column have been transferred to the 13 Army Group commanded by CH'EN Man-yuan (陳漫遠).² To obtain replacements for the column, 6,000 YAO (姚) tribesmen have been assembled at Paize (106-34, 23-55) Lungching (106-56, 22-22), Chenpien (105-50, 23-24), and T'ienyang (106-48, 23-45) for training. The tribesmen have not been given arms, however, since it is feared that they would desert.

1. ☐ Comment. TENG Hua is in command of the Chinese Communist forces to be used in the attack on Indochina, according to other reports.

2. ☐ Comment. ☐ TENG Hua was in South China to assume command of the Indochina invasion forces. ☐ TENG is commander of the forces for Aid to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, with his headquarters at P'inghsiang.

2. ☐ Comment. CH'EN Man-yuan is carried in our records as commander of the 14 Army Group. However, other reports have referred to him as the commander of the 13 Army Group ☐.

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